

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA


Sammie Louis Stokes,	)	C/A No.: 1:16-845-RBH-SVH
	)	
Petitioner,	)	DEATH PENALTY CASE
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
Bryan P. Stirling, Director, South	)	ORDER
Carolina Department of Corrections;	)	
Joseph McFadden, Lieber Correctional	)	
Institution,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	
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This matter comes before the court on a review of the parties' pretrial memoranda. After careful consideration of the memoranda and all arguments presented therein and out of an abundance of caution to ensure there is no confusion, the undersigned sets forth the following procedure the court intends to utilize for the evidentiary hearing:

- I. Opening Statements
  - A. Petitioner
  - B. Respondent
- II. Petitioner's opportunity to present his case regarding *Martinez* claims, including direct and cross examination of all Petitioner's witness(es).
- III. Motions, if any
- IV. Respondent's opportunity to present rebuttal witness(es), if any, including direct and cross examination.
- V. Motions, if any
- VI. Closing Arguments

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shiva V. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

November 8, 2017  
Columbia, South Carolina

Shiva V. Hodges  
United States Magistrate Judge